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SUBJECT: DUTCH DEFENSE WHITE PAPER

1. APRIL 26 EDITION OF INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE DE TELEGRAAF REPORTED DUTCH DEFENSE WHITE PAPER, TO BE ANNOUNCED ABOUT JUNE 10, WILL CALL FOR REDUCTION OF RNLAf FROM 9 TO 7 SQUADRONS, CLOSURE OF 2 AIRBASES, REDUCTION OF RNA FROM 6 TO 4 READY BRIGADES, RESTRICTION OF DUTCH NAVY TO NORTH SEA AND REDUCTION OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES TO 3 PERCENT OF GROSS NATIONAL INCOME FROM CURRENT LEVEL OF 3.55 PERCENT. ARTICLE ALSO STATED DECISION ON F-104G REPLACEMENT WILL BE MADE AT END OF 1974.

2. WE QUERIED MFA DEFENSE SPECIALIST REGARDING STORY. HE SAID IT WAS MADE UP "OUT OF THE BLUE," THOUGH AIRBASE CLOSURES WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME MIGHT WELL OCCUR.

3. SOURCE SAID ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF WHITE PAPER NOW BEING STUDIED BY CABINET, WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL ACCORD THEM PROVISIONAL APPROVAL NEXT WEEK. THEY WILL THEN BE PUT FORTH FOR CONSIDERATION AT NATO, AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.
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